

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

DATE: December 12, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brett St. Clair, Jim Stone, Darlene Jarvis, Ron Jarvis, Stan Sowle

Alternates Present: Matt Lavey, Margaret Watkins

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mel Gendron, George Holt

Alternates Absent: None

MINUTES: November's minutes were accepted

OLD BUSINESS:

Monitoring of conservation tracts

Kimball Pond Conservation Area (KPCA)

Matt Lavey reported that he accompanied Stephen Walker from the NH Office of Energy and Planning on the first part of his walk in the KPCA on the morning of November 28th. A trail was observed running parallel to Kimball Pond Road to the west of the large wetland area south of the boat launch. The state snowmobile trail is the only motorized trail permitted in the KPCA as spelled out in the original easement. Therefore Conservation Commission (CC) members will need to determine if this "new" trail is being used this winter.

Mr. Walker provided Brett with a copy of his Easement Monitoring Inspection Report with his observations and suggestions. The submitted report states that "no violations were observed".

The updated forestry plan submitted earlier this year does need to be signed by a forester. Brett will contact Ed White.

North Woods and Ray Road conservation land

Matt Lavey confirmed that he walked both tracts after November's CC meeting. He found no violations on either and reported that both pieces are well marked.

NEW BUSINESS:

Open Spaces: Town's conservation land/easements

Margaret Watkins voiced many concerns regarding the numerous small parcels of open space the Town has acquired over the years and the oversight of these tracts. Margaret suggested that the CC needs to be involved in the acceptance of any open space in the future, the land needs to have conservation value, oversight responsibilities should be clearly spelled out and funds need to be available to deal with possible violations. She proposed that one of the two local regional land trusts be enlisted to hold future easements.

Conservation Commission goals for 2013

Brett St. Clair led a discussion revolving around the responsibilities of a CC. Members helped to compile a list of goals for the Commission for the coming year. The Commission plans to continue this discussion at its January meeting.

NEXT MEETING: January 9, 2013, 7:30 PM

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Darlene M. Jarvis